

New York Quarterly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends
6th of Twelfth Month 2015, 1:00 p.m.

Interim meeting at Fifteenth Street meetinghouse, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, New York, held pursuant to Minute ___ of NYQM's quarterly meeting held Tenth Month 2015

Present: Andy von Salis (B), Clerk; Arthur Larrabee (PhYM), Assistant Clerk for the day.

Attendance: Brooklyn , Fifteenth St. __, Flushing __, Manhattan __, Morningside __, Staten Island __, QM staff __, Friends Seminary __, visitors, __; total ____.

2015.12.01 The Meeting gathers at 1:00 p.m. in abundant numbers. Silent worship ensues for a considerable time, amid which the Clerk welcomes Friends and others to our meeting for worship with a concern for business.

2015.12.02 In the unavoidable absence of our Assistant Clerk, Friends approve the suggested service, as Assistant Clerk for the day, of Arthur Larrabee (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting).

2015.12.03 The Clerk explains the status of the jointly approved Property Settlement ("deal sheet") and By-laws section ("Essential Principles, Practices and Procedures," the key portion of the proposed Seminary corporation's by-laws). Two days ago, unity was reached on these documents among our Friends Seminary School Committee, our Trustees, and our ad hoc Committee on the Relationship between the Quarterly Meeting, Fifteenth Street Meeting and Friends Seminary. However, the joy and gratitude that prevailed in every heart that day is tempered by certain possibly unsuitable minor but decisive clauses found thereafter in the approved documents. As of 1:00 p.m. today, our Committees' designees were still working to resolve them. Friends return to silence, in which some clarifying contributions and further leadings arise.

2015.12.04 The Clerk reads Minute 2015.10.___, indicating that this meeting is subject to cancellation if necessary. However, at about 2:00 p.m., our Committees are clear to bring us the package of proposals, as written, for consideration and approval. A one-page Summary of the Property Settlement is distributed to us; copies of the proposed Essential Principles document are also distributed in due course.

2015.12.05 The Property Settlement Summary is presented and read by Ann Kjellberg, clerk of Trustees, and Matthew Annenberg and Elizabeth Enloe, co-clerks of the Friends Seminary School Committee. Friends' questions are answered. The proposed Essential Principles are presented by Tom Rothschild, clerk of the Relationships Committee, and further questions are answered. Satisfaction is expressed in recognizing the benefits of our Quaker process and traditions, both within the School and within the Quarterly Meeting. The work of these committees is received with expressions of appreciation.

2015.12.06 The Meeting approves the proposed separate incorporation of Friends Seminary, the proposed Property Settlement that was summarized, and the proposed Essential Principles, Practices and Procedures. As requested by its clerk in his presentation, the Meeting authorizes the Relationships Committee to make necessary modifications and changes to the Essential Principles document, subject to approval of the Trustees of the Quarterly Meeting and the

Friends Seminary School Committee, without requiring further approval by the Quarterly Meeting. As to that, Friends express the importance of prudent and enlightened consideration of certain clauses.

2015.12.07 The foregoing Minutes are heard and approved. The meeting concludes at 3:32 p.m. with a transition to a **meeting of the Corporation of the New York Quarterly Meeting**.

Andrew Mead von Salis,
Clerk

12/08/2015

Attachments:

- Summary of the Property Settlement from Trustees and the Friends Seminary committee
- Essential Principles, Practices and Procedures from the Relationships Committee
- Presentation read by the clerk of the Relationships Committee
- attendance sheets